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SUBJ: VISITS OF DEL FROM US CITIZENS' CONGRESS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

REFS: (A) USICA 1497, (B) USICA 2150, (C) USICA 2808, (D) KUWAIT 2354, (E) JIDDA 2968, (F) STATE 102639

1. REFTEL F RECEIVED SUBSEQUENT TO ARRIVAL OF GROUP, WHICH CARRIED TYPED SCHEDULE LISTING SAME INFO. SCHEDULE APPARENTLY WAS PROVIDED DEPARTMENT AS RESULT KORFF-COOPERSTEIN TELCON FROM EMBASSY TEL AVIV AFTER GROUP INFORMED BY IO THAT IN FACT NONE OF REQUESTS FOR APPOINTMENTS HAD BEEN TRANSMITTED EITHER TO EMBASSY TEL AVIV OR TO MFA.

2. GROUP'S VISIT TO ISRAEL RESULTED INTER ALIA IN CONSIDERABLE LAST-MINUTE SCRABBLING ON HOLIDAY WEEKEND BY BOTH EMBASSY (ICA) AND MFA TO ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION AND SOME KIND OF SCHEDULE FOR GROUP. ONLY SUBSTANTIVE
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MEETINGS WERE WITH AMB AND DIRECTOR GENERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION. SUBSEQUENT TRAFFIC HAS MADE IT OBVIOUS THAT SIMILAR PROBLEMS EXISTED THROUGHOUT ITINERARY.

3. IN LENGTHY PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH IO, REP. MANN CONCEDED THAT MIX-UP WAS DUE TO POOR STAFF WORK BY USCCEF AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR AMBASSADOR'S AGREEMENT TO

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MEET WITH GROUP ON SHORT NOTICE AND FOR EMBASSY'S HELP IN PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION, CABLING SCHEDULE TO OTHER POSTS ON ITINERARY AND MAKING NUMEROUS UNSUCCESSFUL PHONE CALLS IN ATTEMPT TO SCHEDULE ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS. PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FROM TEL AVIV, REP MANN PHONED IO TO REPEAT THANKS AND APOLOGIZED FOR DIFFICULTIES GROUP HAD CAUSED EMBASSY.

4. AT HIS REQUEST, REP MANN WAS PROVIDED WITH COPIES OF UNCLASSIFIED TELEGRAMS RECEIVED HERE PRIOR TO GROUPS ARRIVAL. ESPECIALLY USEFUL IN THIS RESPECT WAS REFTEL B, WHICH STATED THAT ICA'S OFFER TO ASSIST WAS NOT ACCEPTED BY FOUNDATION DIRECTOR.

5. GRANTED THAT GROUPS VISIT MAY BE ALL-TIME BAD EXAMPLE, THERE IS LESSON TO BE LEARNED FROM IT. IN VISITS INVOLVING CONGRESSIONAL OR OTHER HIGH-LEVEL PARTICIPATION WE SIMPLY CANNOT RELY ON ASSURANCES THAT ALL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE PRIVATELY OR THROUGH HOST COUNTRY EMBASSIES. THEREFORE REQUEST THAT IN FUTURE, ICA GET DETAILED SCHEDULES INCLUDING HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS AND INFORM EMBASSY PRIOR TO GROUP'S ARRIVAL. HITCHCOCK

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